## Flee, Follow, Fight 1 Tim 6:11-12

## 1 Tim. 6:11

But thou: you are not one of them

Different than false prophets. Different than <u>money</u> hungry.

Different than those who look <u>lightly</u> on sin.

Different than those of the world.

Man of God:

God's man to people.

<u>2X</u> in NT.

2 Tim. 3:16-17

Moses-Deut 33:1

Samuel-1 Sam. 9:6

Elijah-2 Ki 1:12

Elisha-2 Ki 5:8

Every child of God-considered man of God.

Flee these things: run away, shun, escape as a fugitive

Youthful <u>lusts</u>: 2 Tim 2.22

Sexual sin: 1 Cor 6:18 Idolatry: 1 Cor 10:14

Youthful <u>Lusts</u>: 2 Tim 2:22

Flee: Run from; shun, avoid.

Present tense: Flee and keep on fleeing.

*These things:* sins associated with loving money in vv 9-10.

Acts 20:33-35 1 Thess. 2:9

Follow after: run swiftly after to catch it

to pursue after in a hostile manner.

Righteousness: right with God.

Purity of life. <u>Holy</u> living.

2 Tim 2: 22

Godliness: reverence for God

From heart that seeks to worship God.

God-likeness

**Internal** 

Heb. 12:28

Spurgeon: *the minister's self-watch* 

1 Tim. 4:16

A race: 1 Cor. 9:24-27

Faith: internal; consistency, constancy, loyalty to God

Confident <u>trust</u> in Him for everything.

Attitude: confidence in God's power...

Mac: Faith is the <u>atmosphere</u> in which the man of God exists. He trusts God to keep and fulfill His Word.

*Love*: total giving, sacrificial love for <u>God</u> and others.

1 Thess. 3:6 1 Thess. 5:8 1 Tim. 1:14 2 Tim. 1:13

Mac: The love of volition and choice. It is unrestricted and unrestrained, encompassing love for God, other believers, and non-Christians.

Run after and pursue <u>love</u>.

Matt. 22:37-39 Rom. 5:5

Patience: to remain under.

Endurance, victorious and consistent unwavering love and faithfulness to Lord in midst of trials.

Meekness: gentleness, mildness, humbleness, kindness.

Strength under control.

Know man of God by what..

Flees from.

Follows.

Fights for.

## 1 Tim. 6:12

Fight: to struggle, agonize, compete for prize.

To strive vigorously and resolutely.

Present tense: continuous action ... <u>always</u> in battle.

If you are a child of God--in battle!

No choice in matter.

Don't need look for fight--fight finds us.

Good fight: noble, excellent.

Allusion to Grecian games.

Attitude: Willing to...

Put on gloves

Go against crowd

Swim upstream

2 Tim. 2:3; 4:7-8 1 Cor. 9:26

Good fight of faith: embodiment of what believe.

Body of <u>truth</u>. Christian faith.

Clarke: Live the Gospel, and defend the cause of God. Unmask hypocrites, expel the profligate, purge and build up the Church, live in the spirit of thy religion, and give thyself wholly to this work.

*Lay hold on eternal life:* seize, catch, take possession of, get <u>grip</u> on reality of eternal life.

Seize <u>crown</u> of victory as offered.

Lay hold on prize

Whereunto thou art also called,

God drew us to Himself.

Summoned us

Effectually called us to salvation.

Professed: Let others know.

Confessed.

Acknowledged

What saying?

Get serious about Christian life!

Flee: Run from; shun, avoid the sin of materialism.

Follow: Run swiftly after

*Righteousness*: life that is pure and <u>holy</u>...right with God

Godliness: God-likeness. Attitude of reverence toward God...

Faith: consistent, constant, confident trust in God for everything

Love: total giving, sacrificial, love for God and others.

Patience: endurance, unwavering, not backing off intensity

Meekness: humble, strength under control

*Fight*: struggle, <u>agonize</u> *The good:* noble, <u>excellent</u>

Lay hold on eternal life: Be consumed with eternal.

whereunto thou art also called: called to eternal life.

and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses: Public stand for Christ.

## So what?

Flee...<u>Follow</u>...Fight
Maintain <u>eternal</u> perspective
Stay in <u>battle</u>.
Be consumed with <u>eternal</u>